September 9, 2009

Dear Parents,

Bonjour! My name is Lauren Mooney and I will be your child’s Spanish teacher this year. I look forward to an exciting and fulfilling school year. It is very important to me that your child have a positive experience in Spanish and that he/she have success in learning the language. I am very willing to offer extra help when needed. I always encourage students to come and see me if they start to feel confused or concerned, and not to wait until they feel left behind. Learning a language is cumulative as ideas build upon each other; therefore it is crucial to keep up with the work regularly.

I am available for extra help and support after school and during the school day. My schedule is posted outside of my office, Room 415, as well as outside of the classroom. It is best to see me to make an appointment so that I can offer my full attention to your child. In case of need, Signifer students will be available as tutors, as that program has been successful in the past.

Parental cooperation and communication improve the success rate in the classroom. The majority of this class will be run in Spanish, especially as the year continues. Experience shows that immersion in a language is the most effective way to learn. Although your child may feel frustrated at first, with more time and practice he/she will feel more comfortable with the language in the classroom. Please take some time to review the course requirements (especially the homework and test/quiz make-up policies) and discuss them with your child. My website, [www.lmooney415.wikispaces.com](http://www.lmooney415.wikispaces.com), gives daily homework assignments and is updated regularly.

Your signature below attests to your cooperation in the effort and indicates to me that you have looked over the course expectations with your child. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. My email address is [Lmooney@scarsdaleschools.org](mailto:Lmooney@scarsdaleschools.org) . Please tear off the bottom section after signing it and return it to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to meeting you in October!

Sincerely,

Lauren V. Mooney

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Student Date